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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Sachetto et al

Serial No. 09/508,661

Examiner Dewitty

Filed: May 26, 2000

Art Unit 1616

For: XANTHAN GUM AND HPMC FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF IBD

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 22, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, the period within which to respond having been extended up to and including May 27, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 4, 31, 34, and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend the claims as follows:



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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 22, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.  
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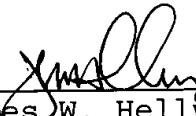
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INDEPENDENT	6	-	6	=	0	\$ 84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
- No fee is required.
- Check(s) in the amount of \$110.00 is(are) enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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